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Building up Army test capabilities

Construction begins for sensor facility

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Right now it looks like any other construction site – an area of dirt and gravel. But picture what it will become later this year.

Work has begun on a field sensor test and integration laboratory at Test Area 6 for the Redstone Technical Test Center. This facility, for the center's field sensor test branch, will support the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"It's a new capability," RTTC test facilities manager Richard Lewis said. "We're also going to build a second facility at Test Area 3 which is the admin, engineering and logistics building.

The 7,400-square-foot facility at Test Area 6 should be fin-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LABORATORY SITE— Reviewing plans at the construction site in Test Area 6 are, from left, Donnie Allen of Chugach Support Services, Brendan Bennick of the Directorate of Public Works, Garth Lewis of support contractor ASRI, and Richard Lewis of **Redstone Technical Test Center.**

ished by September; and the cost is \$738,965. The 5,000-squarefoot administrative building at Test Area 3 should be done in November; and its cost is

\$728,212. Funding comes from the Developmental Test Command out of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"They'll be able to integrate

test equipment on both ground vehicles and aircraft," Lewis said of the new capability.

After the go-ahead from the Developmental Test Command, the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works designed the project and awarded the contract to Chugach Support Services. A process that usually takes two years was completed in three months.

"You couldn't get it done without the guys at DPW, who

worked hard," Lewis said.
"This is great," DPW civil engineer Brendan Bennick said of the project. "It's a new facility. RTTC is expanding its capabilities. And I got to do the site and civil plan for this; it's what I like to do. They're really good people to work with."

Scott Chapman of the Directorate of Public Works leads the design team and serves as project manager for both construction projects. Donnie Allen is the Chugach project manager.

Fund-raising drive surpasses goal



Photo by Skip Vaughn

OLD RECORD— In June 2005, Soldiers and civilians gather around the \$142,479 AER campaign check during the drive's recognition ceremony. That record total was broken last year and again this year.

Army Emergency Relief exceeds \$200K mark

The 2007 Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign has continued its legacy at Redstone Arsenal.

It was a rousing success – just like in past years, but even more so.

This year's drive collected \$240,770 to top its \$200,000 goal and set a

"I can't believe it. I really can't," AER officer Kristi Foster said Thursday afternoon. "It's almost \$70,000 more than what we did last year. It's just absolutely amazing.

"It's been a great campaign," she said. "Everybody has just really done an outstanding job. One thing this year our retirees contributed over \$58,000 to this campaign."

Last year's drive collected \$171,260 to surpass a \$150,000 goal. That total was eclipsed this year.

"I'm blown away," Capt. Rob Dewberry, the campaign chairman, said of this year's result. "That's a lot of money. This destroyed records.

"Team Redstone did a great job. I'm just honored that I got to be a part of it.'

Dewberry is commander of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, Garrison. Master Sgt. Odri Hastings served as the campaign co-chairman.

Army Emergency Relief gives nointerest loans, and in some cases grants, to active duty and retired military and their qualifying family members in times of emergency needs. Recipients can also include National Guard and Reservists who are called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. Examples of emergency expenses include unexpected travel, car repair, mortgage assistance and utility bills.

Last year AER helped 383 military and their qualified family members with \$380,918.

'It's the Army helping the Army," Dewberry said at the drive's kickoff in March. "But more importantly it's everyone helping the Army."

Views

An open lane random survey

What's the worst accident you've ever had?

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Pvt. Ashley Starnes Charlie Company "I was set on fire (last year). I had rubbing alcohol on my legs to keep the seed ticks off. And my friends tried to be smart. One of them used

a lighter to light the puddle at my feet. He didn't realize I had poured (the alcohol) on my legs as well. My legs and my shorts caught on fire. I had third-degree burns."

Pvt. Heather Oleyar Charlie Company

"It was summertime (in 2000). My friend and I were going down a steep hill on a sled. Pine needles make it really slippery. I was in the front (of

the snow sled), and my friend was behind me. We were about to hit a tree, so I pushed her off. I put my left foot out (to stop the sled) and broke my foot."



Denise Mack Apache Project Office "Î hit a median in the highway (in 1995 in St. Louis) and the airbag deployed. I had an allergic reaction to the powder in the airbag."

Henry Wales **H&H** Heating and Cooling "I was bitten by a snake about 10 years ago while swimming in Limestone Creek. A 30-inch Copperhead was just in the water. I spent five days in the hospital."



Checking on PX policy

Tt's true AAFES has slacked off on checking IDs — just to verify what the writer of the letter in May 23 said about ID checks. I went to the Shoppette and bought gas — no ID check! I parked the car and went inside and purchased a few items and was never asked to show a military ID! I went to the PX and there was no ID check at the counter. I finally went to the Commissary and at the checkout counter after all items were rung up, I was asked for an ID.

AAFES might need to update their policies and start spot checking more military IDs.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Carl Carpenter, general manager of the Post Exchange, provided the following response. "AAFES has not slacked up on checking ID cards. In fact 99 percent of our customers automatically show their ID cards at the point of purchase without being asked. I have personally reviewed several transactions on our electronic surveillance system and did not find any evidence of associates not checking ID cards. I understand it is possible there may have been occasions where a cashier forgot to ask for proper identification. We will continue to conduct refresher training and do everything possible to ensure every patron in civilian attire is checked for proper ID.

Overpass completion eyed

hen will the overpass at Martin Road and Patton be completed? I thought its original completion date was early May, but it's nowhere near that stage.

Deb Leonard Test Area 5

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "In February, a response to a letter to the editor reported that completion date would be July. Current target completion date is July 30. Contractor is close to schedule and anticipates completion around that time."

Quote of the week

Don't ever let somebody tell you you can't do something.'

- Will Smith, actor in "The Pursuit of Happyness"

Suggestions for merging traffic

read with interest the two letters to the editor, "Hat's off to Adriver courtesy" and "Piggish drivers won't wait turn." I am not involved in the Martin Road traffic. but experienced the same actions when traffic was detoured from Martin Road West to Rideout Road.

Many drivers seem to think that it is necessary to move into the "through" lane a great distance from the place where it becomes necessary to merge; however, I don't believe this is by law. It seems to me that it would be far better to occupy both lanes, and then to have alternate yielding at the junction of the two lanes into one. That would permit traffic to move forward and prevent backups on ramps, etc.

And as the one letter said, if someone who is not familiar with the detour enters the road, how would they know to get over

except by seeing the clear lane ahead? There are no markers to indicate merging into one lane until shortly before it is required. I'm sure most of us have experienced this while traveling on unfamiliar interstates. I would be curious to know if a study has ever been done to determine which action is the most conducive to moving traffic smoothly.

Perhaps those responsible for traffic on the Arsenal could research this and place signs accordingly — either require a merger two miles ahead of the junction (with the lane blocked to traffic), not allowing any traffic in the lane that will be closing, or else place signs to please fill both lanes and require alternate yielding at the junction. Maybe then the ire of the drivers will be alleviated.

Name withheld by request

Schedule sought for sick leave

That is the official position for AMCOM (and PEO Aviation) regarding sick leave usage increments?

Can we only take it in one hour increments or by half hour or quarter hour increments?

I was thinking that something came out a few years back that we were allowed to take sick leave in half or quarter hour increments.

Is it an office by office determination?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "It is the policy of AMCOM that annual leave, sick leave, and LWOP (leave without pay) is to be charged in 15-minute increments. This policy became effec-

tive Jan. 12, 2003. This policy was adopted by all other commands and activities in the Redstone community, to include PEO Aviation on the same date. In addition, this policy was agreed to by the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858 on Jan. 7, 2003. An employee may use sick leave for personal medical needs, care of a family member, care of a family member with a serious health condition, or adoption related purposes.

"Employees are responsible for informing their supervisor as soon as practicable in order to obtain prior approval of sick leave. Any questions regarding the use of any form of leave should be forwarded to your immediate supervisor or your servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center management employee relations specialist.'

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Letters to the Editor

Concerned about library's future

n Friday afternoon, May 25, I learned that Redstone Scientific Information Center is closing. I think I heard that it is closing by the end of the calendar year. I heard that RSIC was reviewed by the base and by someone from D.C. I just want to confirm that this is true and really determine if it is too late.

Also, if it is really closing I would like to request Redstone Rocket run an article or series of articles discussing RSIC closing. I think the articles should interview folks who used RSIC throughout their career and also discuss the history of RSIC, as it is one of the premier military libraries in the nation. I spent a short time at Johnson Space Center and their library did not come anywhere close to the capability at RSIC.

Moreover, during my professional career, numerous times I have used RSIC to track down articles on military systems. Although UAH and A&M maybe offer a similar service, the inconvenience will probably hamper most engineers and scientists from the government and contractors from using those libraries

During the series of articles, enough interest and concern may be generated to actually save RSIC and keep it on the base and keep it funded. RSIC disappearing is especially concerning given that Redstone is growing by leaps and bounds. It is very concerning that more programs are coming to Redstone Arsenal, but we are not able to keep such a great local research and resource asset fully funded.

Thank you again for your time and any additional details you can provide.

Jason Rupert Dynetics Inc.

Editor's note: The Redstone Scientific Information Center provided the following response. "Thank you for your interest in the future of the Redstone Scientific Information Center and for your comments about the professional and timely service you have received over the years.

"Our librarians are our greatest resource. They take pride in serving their customers. For over 40 years, RSIC has served the Redstone community and with its 260,000 books and 2.5 million reports and documents it is the largest technical library in the Department of the Army. We are extremely proud of our facility and what we provide to the customer.

"RSIC has experienced personnel and funding changes over the years and we continue to look for creative and innovative ways and means to ensure we can provide world-class service and support. Our leadership more than understands the importance of RSIC to the scientific and engineering communities here and around the world and know well the impact RSIC has had over the years in supporting those who directly support the war fighter.

"Meeting our customers' needs is our mission and we will continue to do so within ever-changing current and future demands. Thank you again for your comments and we look forward to serving you and

others like you in the future."

Post regulation covers jogging

MCOM regulation 210-2, Appendix B (Traffic Regulation) has been mentioned regarding joggers and bicyclists. Two questions: I can't find this reg on Internet nor Intranet; how can we view it? Don't State of Alabama traffic rules apply to this base?

Willy Albanes

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "AMCOM 210-2 is a valid regulation; however, it is currently not available online because of ongoing major revisions/reconstruction of the document. The Garrison has undertaken a mission to break this regulation into smaller documents that will address each area of responsibility currently covered by the 210-2 in separate documents to make it easier to update and manage. Currently the regulation does contain Appendix B that covers jogger/walker traffic on post. Section 1 (General Provisions) of the appendix reads, in part:

'a. In accordance with the guidance provided by DoD Directive 5525.4 (Enforcement of State Traffic Laws on DoD Installations); AR 190-5 (Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision), those portions of the Alabama Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws (Title 32, Code of Alabama 1975 or its successor) applicable to vehicle owners, vehicle operators, passengers and pedestrians, as well as those to penalties for violations are adopted and will be enforced on Redstone Arsenal.

'b. All vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Redstone Arsenal is governed by the provisions of the Alabama State Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic Laws, AR 190-5, and this regulation.

'c. Violations of any traffic law and/or regulation by persons subject to military law are grounds for punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.'

"Under section 2 (Additional Provisions), paragraph j, walkers, joggers and runners are specifically addressed as follows:

'j. Walking, Running, or Jogging by Individuals,

(1) All persons running or jogging are responsible for their personal safety and for selecting a safe place to run or jog, i.e., jogging paths, sidewalk, or athletic field/track.

'(2) Where a sidewalk is provided, individuals walking, running, or jogging will do so on the sidewalk, not on the roadway.

'(3) Where a sidewalk is not available, the individuals will walk, run, or jog only on a shoulder of the roadway as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

'(4) Where a sidewalk or shoulder is not provided, individuals will walk, run, or jog as near as practicable to the outside edge of the roadway and only on the left side of the roadway, facing any oncoming traffic. During periods of low visibility (dusk, fog, rain, etc.) or darkness, these persons will wear reflective devices (i.e., reflective vest; armband patches, belts, etc.).

'(5) Individuals will not wear radio headphones while walking, running, jogging, or riding bicycles.

'(6) Individuals walking, running, or jogging will yield the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic except as otherwise provided in Alabama Motor Vehicle Laws (32-5A-211: Pedestrian's Right-of-Way in Crosswalks).'

"As indicated above, Redstone Arsenal does observe Alabama Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws that are applicable to vehicles and pedestrians traveling on the Arsenal."

Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Name: Kenneth Andrews

Job: Firefighter, Vincent Fire Station, Garrison

Where do you call home? Hazel Green

What do you like about your job?

I like helping people. As a matter of fact I work two jobs. I've been a deputy fire marshal 22 years in Madison County. I used to be a chief of Hazel Green volunteer fire department (for eight years). I'm a charter member of the Hazel Green volunteer fire department. And I've been a firefighter here 17 years and five months.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have two little daughters. They're 10 and 8, and they're playing ball. I spend a lot of time with family, as much time as I can.

What are your goals?

My goal is when I retire I'm probably going to work a couple of days just to be active. And the rest I'm going to spend with my little daughters to keep them in the right lane.

What's your favorite type of music?

I'm a country music fan. I play country music. I like any country music, but my favorite is George Jones.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

May 25: An individual was stopped for speeding; and during the traffic stop, he gave false information to the officer. He was issued a citation for speeding; and later it was determined that he gave false information to the officer. He was later issued

a summons into federal court for giving false information to a

police officer.

May 26: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Goto 1. He was

ing an inspection at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released.

May 26: An individual was observed selecting items from the Commissary and attempted to leave without paying. The subject was arrested, processed and received a summons to federal court before being released

Traffic accidents reported: five without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 11 speeding, 1 driving with a suspended/canceled/revoked driver's license, 1 following too close, 1 failure to yield right of way, 3 expired tags, 7 cell phone.



Headquarters

Chief of staff boosts spirits at medical center

Gen. George Casey Jr. visits Brooke center

By ELAINE WILSON

Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — The Army's top officer encouraged wounded warriors to continue the "marathon" to recovery May 22 during visits to Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid, the Army's state-of-the-art physical rehabilitation center here.

"Taking care of wounded warriors is the most important thing we can do," Army chief of staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said to post leaders and hospital staff prior to a tour of the burn center.

The visit to BAMC was the first for the new chief of staff. who had last visited Fort Sam Houston in the '90s when the hospital was still under construction. Casey said he's heard "nothing but wonderful things" about the medical center.

Known for its cutting-edge care, BAMC boasts the only Level I trauma center in the Army and the only burn center in the Defense Department, and is one of only five hospitals in the nation with a dual accreditation in both areas.

The general's first stop, by personal request, was to the burn center. He was eager to visit 1st Lt. James Barclay, son of Casey's friend, Brig. Gen. James Barclay. The lieutenant was injured in Afghanistan last year when the vehicle he was riding in was hit by an improvised explosive device. Casey warmly greeted 1st Lt. Barclay and his moth-



Photo by Elaine Wilson

SMALL WORLD— Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff, catches up with 1st Lt. James Barclay May 22 during a visit to Brooke Army Medical Center. Casey is a friend of Barclay's father, Brig. Gen. James Barclay, director for the Joint Center for Operational Analysis in Virginia. The lieutenant was injured in Afghanistan in March 2006.

er, Deborah.

"Thanks for coming by and seeing these guys; it means a lot to them," Deborah said to the general.

When Casey asked 1st Lt. Barclay about his progress, the lieutenant projected another nine months of "painful" recovery.

"Then it's back to the grindstone?" Casey asked.

"Depends on the outcome," 1st Lt. Barclay replied, referring to his long-term rehabilitation.

Casey asked how his wife, Sierra, felt about her husband's desire to return to duty. She said she was supportive of "whatever makes him happy ... as long as he doesn't get deployed again," she added with a smile.

Although BAMC leaders

briefed Casey on the hospital's cutting-edge care and support of family members, the general seemed partial to personal testimony. As Casey chatted with patients and their families, he asked them for their opinion of the care.

"They're doing a great job taking care of us," Cindy Sippel told the chief of staff as she sat by her son's bedside. Her son, Spc. Nicholas Bratland, was injured in Afghanistan in August. "It's pretty good if you can please a mom and a nurse at the same time."

"Tough road?" Casey asked Bratland.

"It's getting better," Bratland replied. "They do a good job here."

Sippel said her son was a "tough kid." "We used to find it challenging to deal with his stubbornness when he was little, but we are grateful for it now."

In the burn rehabilitation center, patients described the recovery process for Casey, which involves the constant flexing of body parts, such as fingers, to avoid rapid contraction of scar tissue. The general likened burn patients' recovery, which can take up to five years of painful rehabilitation, to a "marathon."

Acting BAMC commander Col. Carlos Angueira told Casey about one "marathon" recovery with a miraculous outcome. Marine Sgt. Merlin German sustained burns on 97 percent of his body when he was injured in Iraq by an improvised explosive device Feb. 23, 2005. He would not have survived 10 years ago; however, modern technology and medical advances have given servicemembers with severe burns like German's a fighting chance, Angueira said.

"Merlin was able to dance with his mother at BAMC's Christmas Ball," Angueira said. "There wasn't a dry eye in the house."

Casey then toured BAMC's neighbor, the Center for the Intrepid, a \$50 million rehabilitation center funded by donations from 600,000 Americans. The center caters to amputees and burn patients injured in the war on terrorism. Wounded warriors demonstrated the center's capabilities, including a wave pool called the Flowrider, a variety of exercise equipment and an indoor firearms training facility.

In the gait lab, Casey took particular note of the rock path, used to accustom amputees to uneven walking surfaces. "I know how tough it is to walk on rocks when injured," said the general, who is recovering from foot surgery.

Casey took time throughout the tour to talk to wounded warriors and their families, thanking them for their service and sacrifice.

As he left the facility, Casey momentarily turned his attention from the wounded warriors to the hospital and CFI staffs. "Thank you for what you do. You have remarkable facilities," he said.

"He was extremely impressed by the facilities, but I think he was even more impressed with the Soldiers and their attitude and spirit," said Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Fort Sam Houston and Army Medical Department Center and School.

Angueira said he believes Casey "really marveled" at the facilities and "got a sense of the total commitment on the part of the hospital and staff who live and breathe the hospital mission, 'We are dedicated to warrior service.'

"Rather than just a briefing room, he got the testimony from the patients and families," the colonel added. "He was able to see firsthand the staff's dedication and the great level of care they deliver to our wounded warriors.'

Casey's next stops were U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South, both headquartered at Fort Sam Houston. He said his evening plans were to attend a San Antonio Spurs playoff game since he had scored "nosebleed" seats earlier in the day.

Editor's note: Elaine Wilson writes for the Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office.

Coast Guard has wings for ensuring safety

Flotilla pilots fly over waterways

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Redstone's Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 24 Flotilla 6 is helping to keep local waterways safe and beautiful for all to enjoy. Some-times the best way to see what's going on in the water is to get a bird's-eye view. That's where air

support comes in handy.

John Mabry, answering to pilot call-name Bear, is one of the pilots that fly patrols for the flotilla. He and his fellow pilots follow the routes of the Cumberland, Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi rivers within the area assigned to their district. Their area goes from southernmost Kentucky down to Guntersville and west from Knoxville to Perryville, Mo. Mabry estimates that area encompasses more than 1,000 miles of river.

"We do anything and everything that the active Coast Guard does, except combat and law enforcement," Mabry, vice flotilla commander, said. "A lot of what we do both on surface vessels and aircraft is marine domain awareness. That is being aware of whatever is going on in the marine environment."

Their missions vary. Sometimes they are checking on specific construction projects along the waterways. Sometimes they are looking for environmental factors, such as possible shoaling of the river. Other times they are lending a hand in search and rescue operations. They are also asked on occasion to take aerial photos of an area.

'We're watching traffic and in particular hazardous cargo traffic. Those skippers have to report their positions periodically. We check up on them. We're also watching for oil sheen and shoaling," Mabry said. "Since we're Homeland Security, we're looking for suspicious activities, too.

The missions of the pilots are similar to what the people on the ground or in the water are doing, he said. However, being airborne lets them cover more ground, or water as the case may be.

"We do everything in the air that the surface vessels do on the surface, except we do a lot more of it," Mabry said. "While their four-hour patrol encompasses maybe miles of river, our four-hour patrol is 300 to 400 miles of river.

Pilots fly their missions carrying a crewman or observer along. They handle radio transmissions and other tasks that the pilot is unable to perform while they are actually flying the plane. Observers and crewmen are trained and certified for their respective jobs.

Observers must pass both written and practical tests in a number of areas. They are tested in Coast Guard communications and observer technique. They must be familiar with their local area. They must also be proficient in nautical and aeronautical chart reading and navigation.

"(Besides) all of the qualifications for the



AT CONTROLS— John Mabry prepares for an air patrol of the area's waterways from his home base at the Redstone Flying Activity.

> observers or crewmen, all that training, pilots also have to be qualified in other things as well," Mabry said.

Mabry is a certified aircraft commander. To achieve that ranking, he had to have more than 1,000 flight hours as the pilot in command, maintain a current instrument rating, and have passed testing in procedures.

"There is other training that we go through. Auxiliary pilots and crewmen must also go through a crew resource management course and a spatial disorientation course. It's the regular one given to all pilots at Pensacola Naval Air Station," he said. "We got through all the machines there. There's one called the Spin and Puke machine."

The training for pilots, crewmen and observers is ongoing. All must undergo a crash-type simulation and escape from a submerged plane. They are in New Orleans this week for their yearly three-day session.

"Every year we go through a safety work-shop," Mabry said. "We do a swim into a raft from the water. We exit a pseudo-airplane underwater. It's just a plane with a seat that runs into the pool and rolls over upside down. You have to exit it underwater. We do that plus classes and other orientation."

All members of the Auxiliary Flotilla are volunteers. They freely give their time and donate the use of their equipment - including the planes themselves. When equipment is in use for an assigned patrol or mission, however, it is designated as an official vessel.

There are two air facilities in our flotilla. There are nine surface facilities. A facility is a privately owned vessel or aircraft that's offered to the Coast Guard for use," Mabry said. "It has to pass certain requirements and be equipped certain ways. When we do patrols we do so under Coast Guard orders. When we are under orders we are in effect in the Coast Guard and our facility is a Coast Guard facility for that time.

Regardless of whether they are checking river traffic at a lock, making sure toxins are not being released into waterways or helping to locate missing boaters, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is helping to ensure that our natural resources remain safe and available for everyone to enjoy. Mabry said that is a top priority.

'Our primary mission is public education and boating safety," he said.

Technical library has full house for lunch

Brown bag event bears repeating

By SKIP VAUGHN

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A lunch-and-learn today at the Redstone Scientific Information Center drew a capacity 15 attendees and a waiting list.

The brown bag event, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., covers tips on searching RSIC's online catalog. This is the first such event at the center's first-floor conference room in building 4484.

"And we do plan on having more of those," acting chief librarian Paul Fritts said. He is presenting today's program for the attendees, who had to sign up.

The Redstone Scientific Information Center is the largest technical library in the Department of Army. It occupies the first and third floors of building 4484.

"We supply scientific and technical information to Redstone and that includes the Army and NASA," Fritts said. He leads the staff in the absence of chief librarian Martha Knott, who has been away working on a special project since October.

The center has a collection of about 260,000 books, all on scientific and technical topics. It has about 2.5 million technical reports and documents.

"We subscribe to about 215 journals. And of that 215, about 175 are electronic and are delivered full text to registered users' desktops," Fritts said. "We have industry standards, military



Photo by Holly Hajari

DOING RESEARCH— Reference librarian Elizabeth Lloyd helps retired Sgt. 1st Class Bill Kuehn at the Redstone Scientific Information Center.

specifications and standards; we have patents. We have an online catalog which lists all of our materials, all of our electronic databases."

The center also has an extensive alerts service. A user with an interest in a particular subject can get a reference librarian to send electronically a biblio-

graphical update on that topic as often as desired.

Today's event, in which the participants bring their lunch and the center provides drinks, is part of the center's outreach program. The staff also does briefings, like one held May 29 at Marshall Space Flight Center.

The technical library is part of the Center Support Directorate under the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Fritts has been with the 12-member staff for 10 years. His normal job at the center is handling the electronic resources.

"Of the 12 people that work here, only one does not have a master's degree. You have to have a master's degree to be a librarian," he said. "And I think people are surprised at that. Librarians are the most valuable resource that we have because we're going to help the users get the information they need."

Gregory Drake, a research chemist, continues to use the technical library since transferring to AMRDEC from Marshall Space Flight Center two months ago. He used it while working at Marshall for two and a half years.

"It's a fantastic resource," Drake said, "that's very underutilized by both agencies here. It aggravates me to no end how little this place is used."

Part of the reason for lack of attendance is the electronic resources, which enable registered users to get what they need on their desktops. The online catalog has been available eight years.

"We don't get nearly the traffic through the door that we used to because we've made so many of our resources available online," Fritts said.

The center is open Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 7-5 and Friday from 7-4. Its information desk can be reached at 876-5195.

The public web site is https://rsic.redstone.army.mil. From that web page, registered users can access the online catalog.

"I think (the center is) extremely valuable," Fritts said. "We provide resources and access to information that I feel is mission sustained. We assist the scientists and engineers to do the research that they need to do to accomplish their jobs."

Florida Tech starts scholarship, awards degrees

Florida Tech awarded 134 master's degrees at its annual commencement exercise May 18 at the Huntsville Marriott.

Dr. Clifford Bragdon, the associate provost and dean of the University College of Florida Institute of Technology, congratulated the graduates and challenged them to take maximal advantage of their expertise to make positive changes in their lives, their organizations and their country.

One of the graduates, Brian Dunham, was honored posthu-

mously. He earned his degree at Florida Tech Redstone; but being terminally ill, he went to the main campus in late 2006 to experience the graduation exercises there.

Bragdon told the nearly 200 attendees that Florida Tech would create the Brian Dunham Scholarship in Dunham's memory and to encourage others to pursue their educational goals. Florida Tech's main campus in Melbourne, Fla., pledged the first \$1,000 toward that scholarship. (Florida Tech release)

War fighters' families honored at Arlington

Commemorative book presented to loved ones

By DON WAGNER

Army News Service

senting each of the five armed forces, in the war on terror, were honored in an Arlington National Cemetery ceremony May 18.
Each family, accompanied by one of their services top-ranking officers, was

WASHINGTON — Families repre-

their services top-ranking officers, was presented a commemorative copy of "Where Valor Rests: Arlington National Cemetery" as a tribute to their lost family member. The book was produced espe-

cially for the families of each newly

interred service person.

Copies of the commemorative book

will be sent to some 1,500 other families whose loved ones were killed since 9/11 and who are buried at Arlington as well, said John Metzler, Arlington National Cemetery's superintendent.

"This is a grand event and my daughter and I are honored and grateful for the work that went into the making of this book," said Command Sgt. Maj. Debra

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The Garrison Environmental Manage-

ment Division has completed and published the Installation's 2007 Drinking

Strickland, died in the terrorist's attack on the Pentagon. "I am glad that we and the other families who lost a loved one since 9/11 are still remembered."

"Where Valor Rests: Arlington National Cemetery" contains 200 images and photographic essays of people, places, events and seasons of Arlington National Cemetery. The 192-page book pays tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of their country, throughout America's history.

The photos were taken over an 18-month period by 15 of the nation's best commercial and military photographers, and were pulled from a collection of more than 40,000 images. The book includes text by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick Atkinson and a DVD of the National Geographic hour-long special about Arlington.

"The book is just another expression of gratitude for the families' loss," said Lt. Col. Michael Edrington, program director and managing editor of the book. "It's also intended to show the care and concern cemetery personnel put into caring for the families' loved ones' graves."

Published in May, the book was commissioned by the superintendent and is being funded by individuals and corporate and association contributions.

Garrison issues annual water quality report

Post drinking water meets standards

Water Quality Report and announces that the drinking water on Redstone Arsenal continues to meet or exceed all federal and state requirements.

The annual water quality report is provided to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water right-to-know initiative which is known as the Consumer Confidence Report rule. Under this rule, all community water supply systems are required to prepare and distribute drinking water quality reports to their consumers annually. This report provides

water quality testing data for monitoring

conducted during calendar year 2006, or the most recent monitoring year.

EMD has made the report available to Redstone's housing residents by direct mail distribution through the Postal Service. The report will also be available to installation personnel and organizations on the Garrison home page site map under "Drinking Water Report."

The CCR will enable individuals to make practical and knowledgeable decisions about their drinking water and their health. You are encouraged to review the CCR; and if you have any questions or comments regarding your drinking water, call Gene Daniels of the Garrison Environmental Management Division at 955-7591. EMD will continue to keep you informed about your drinking water by providing quarterly updates in the *Redstone Rocket*. (Garrison release)

Missile defense flight deemed 'no test'

Agency reschedules event for summer

A scheduled flight test May 25 of a long-range missile defense system by the Missile Defense Agency was not completed.

The target, launched from the Kodiak Launch Complex in Alaska, failed to reach the defended area, and the Ground-Based Interceptor, which would have come from the Ronald W. Reagan Missile Defense Site, located at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., was not launched.

"The target did not reach sufficient altitude to be deemed a threat, and so the Ballistic Missile Defense System did not engage it, as designed," said Air Force Lt.

Gen. Trey Obering, Missile Defense Agency director. "There is always a risk of this occur-

rence since we are flying old Intercontinental Ballistic Missile motors in our targets," he added, "and we have initiated a target modernization program, within our existing budget, which should mitigate these risks for the future. A target will be brought forward from a test scheduled for next fall and we will attempt to repeat this test this summer."

The MDA has conducted 16 of 17 successful flight tests since 2005 and has achieved 27 of 34 successful intercepts since 2001. Program officials will conduct an extensive investigation to determine the cause of the malfunction. (Missile Defense Agency release)

Conference brings latest in test and evaluation

Top-level speakers set for ninth annual event

By DAN O'BOYLE

For the Rocket

With the theme "How to Make Test and Evaluation Relevant to the Joint Warfighter," the ninth annual Test and Evaluation week kicks off Monday at the Von Braun Center.

"This is the third year that we will have all services represented and attending," Mike McFalls, Test Week host, said. "Plus, this year we have more than 90 exhibitors and the entire Battle Lab from Fort Bliss. Texas."

In terms of unique capabilities, the Air and Missile Defense Battle Lab is responsible for all Army Air and Missile Defense Experimentation, Science and Technology, and Concept Development.

"While focused on future capabilities, the team also supports many activities in support of the ongoing war and training for other potential worldwide missions," Test Week coordinator Sherry Hilley said. "The Lab's software, hardware and personnel bring a deployable set of capabilities to support tests, experiments, demonstrations, training and war operations."

Test Week panels and featured mini-forums include the following:

- Joint Capabilities for the T&E Community:
- Test and Evaluation Perspectives (featured mini-forum):
- Test & Evaluation in a Net-Centric Environment;
- Test and Training Range Opportunities;



Boeing photo

TEST WEEK DEBUT— The Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey will land at the Old Gold Medal Dairy site on Monday as Test Week 2007 kicks off. The tiltrotor aircraft takes off and lands like a helicopter. Once airborne, its engine nacelles can be rotated to convert the aircraft to a turboprop airplane capable of high-speed, high-altitude flight.

- The Enterprise Concept at Work: The Military (featured miniforum): and
- Departments' T&E Roadmaps. The four tutorials, available at \$75 each, include: Managing Electromagnetic Effects; Introduction to Joint Mission Environment Test Capability; Introduction to the Capability Test Methodology; and Understanding Design of Experiments and Implications.

Additional Test Week highlights include presentations by Sue Payton, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition; Lt. Gen. John R. Wood, deputy commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command; Air Force Maj. Gen. Chris Anzalone, deputy for test, integration and fielding, Missile Defense Agency; and Maj. Gen. James Myles, commander of the Test and Evaluation Command. who has been named to take over as the AMCOM commander next month.

Test Week attendees will be welcomed by Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, current AMCOM commander.

"The mission of the technical program is to 'think outside the box' by examining the full spectrum of test and evaluation processes and infrastructure, making it relevant to the joint war fighter," Dr. John Foulkes, director of Test Resource Management Center, said. "This OSD-sponsored conference covers all services, and we welcome new services, such as Coast Guard to this forum."

Test Week 2007 will also feature a "Jack Daniels Tailgate" on Wednesday, with the Barrel House Gang Band from the Jack Daniels Distillery and what's billed as being the finest food cooked in the Southeast.

Casey Mears' NASCAR NEX-TEL Number 25 Hendrick Motorsports/National Guard Chevrolet will also be on display. Mears won the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C., May

For more information, visit http://testweek.org/.

Combat center welcomes command sergeant major

FORT RUCKER — Officials have approved the conversion of an Army Combat Readiness Center senior leader position in recognition of the continual safety cultural transformation in the Army.

The conversion of the USACRC sergeant major slot to a command sergeant major billet shows the importance of leader involvement in loss prevention and the Army's commitment to safety transformation.

Transformation, said Brig. Gen. William Forrester, is a triad involving leaders, forces and institutions – all

critical in achieving the Army Vision.

"Just as we must realign our forces to place key elements of combat power in the hands of Brigade Combat Team commanders," the USACRC commanding general said, "so too, we must realign to further our conversion as an organization that produces actionable knowledge to war fighters."

Known as the knowledge center for Army accidental loss, the USACRC "operationalizes" safety through the use of Composite Risk Management to more effectively preserve combat power. Engaged leaders influence this transformation the most, the general said.

"Transformation is far more than an equipment change," Forrester said. "While the changes in our forces and institutions are significant in scope and breadth, they pale when compared to the positive impacts leaders can achieve."

These include leaders like Sgt. Maj. Dave Griffith, who worked tirelessly to help transform the Soldiers' mindset in terms of safety and the use of CRM during the initial stages of the transformation, Forrester explained.

"His untiring pursuit of what is best for the Army during this transformation has highlighted the value of his position," the general said. "This change would not be possible without his great leadership."

In recognition of this significant transformation, Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell will become the USACRC's first command sergeant major.

"It is my hope the position will allow the USACRC to grow beyond the staff perspective in the minds of our Army as war fighters; therefore, reemphasizing the Army's leadership message on the importance of safety and protecting the force," Glidewell said.

Glidewell assumes responsibility this summer at a date to be announced. (Army Combat Readiness Center release)

Lake City ammo plant project moving right along

Recyclable steel diverted from demolished building

By DEBRA VALINE

Engineering and Support Center

Huntsville Center's Facilities Reduction Program is always looking for new ways to lower costs to the customer while diverting the largest percentage of demolition debris from the landfill.

Removing an outdated building at the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant in Independence, Mo., presented both challenges.

Huntsville Center is working with the installation, the Corps of Engineers' Kansas City District and Bhate Associates of Birmingham to remove Building 3A from the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant. Local fire departments have also helped with the project by keeping the building wet during certain phases of the demolition.

Building 3A is 211,000 square feet. In addition to nearly 3 million pounds of structural steel and appurtenances like conveyors, the building contains some 3 million pounds of equipment some large and weighing tons which had been stored there for years.

And it all has to go as part of the demolition.

The project started April 16 with asbestos abatement and soft demolition – the removal of internal fixtures. Staging of the big equipment started in early May; serious demolition started May 14. As of May 15, the project was approximately 30 percent complete with an expected completion in mid-July.

"This will be the largest recy-



Photo by Debra Valine

SORTING DEBRIS— Contractors with Bhate Associates, Birmingham, sort through metal and brick debris to get materials ready for recycling.

cling effort that we have done on any demolition to date," said Kevin Healy, Huntsville Center's project engineer supporting the Installation Management Command's West Region. "When contractors go out to conduct the site visit, the contractor is required to solicit bids from local recyclers. They were offered \$20 per ton. Through our experience with the Facilities Reduction Program, we knew the price at

that time should have been in the \$160-\$210 range per ton."

To save the customer the most amount of money, Healy took the issue to a programmatic support contractor who recommended using a professional scrap broker. The scrap broker used by the contractor negotiates with scrap buyers in the area to get the best price.

"What we are talking about is an average of \$175 per ton,"

Healy said. "This will give us a net credit value of roughly \$491,000. The contractor applied that credit to the total demolition and removal cost, thereby reducing the overall cost to the customer."

Not only will the project get the most money for the scrap, there will be strict accountability of all scrap leaving the site.

The broker provides the contractor a form that is used to record all of the scrap that goes off-site and the price that will ultimately be paid for it. The final column gets filled in when the checks come in.

"You end up with a very good record of what was sent where at what price and we can then verify that the payments were made," Healy said. "The unique thing is that, as with every other job where we are trying to meet the goal for minimum 50 percent diversion of waste from the landfill, we will not only meet the 50 percent, but we will also get back a large amount of money to help defray part of the project cost for the customer."

Bhate Associates has a team of 10 on-site for the demolition.

"We are taking ferrous and non-ferrous metals, wood and bricks to get ready for recycling," Robert Labadie, Bhate's site superintendent, said. "We are looking at 100 percent recycling of the steel. Anything that can be recycled, we are recycling it."

"The leadership is pleased with the progress of the demolition effort thus far," Steve Brockman, the facilities manager, said. At this time, Army staff at Lake City is unaware of any plans to utilize the 3A area, he said.

The Lake City Army Ammunition Plant's Fire Department and the Independence Fire Department have been helping with the project while getting valuable training time.

The Lake City Army Ammunition Plant is a 3,935-acre government owned-contractor operated facility that was established in 1941 to manufacture and test small caliber ammunition for the Army. The facility has remained in continuous operation except for one five-year period following World War II.

Small unmanned aircraft plays big role

Raven soars in exercise aired throughout South

By TARAH HOLLINGSWORTH

For the Rocket

To observers on the ground and at various locations throughout the South, the video feed from the Raven small unmanned aerial vehicle system was proof that the small aircraft can play a vital role in emergency situations such as natural disasters or terrorist attacks.

On May 22, the UAS Project Office and the National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team participated in a Communications Exercise, or COMMEX. This was the first time the Raven RQ 11B, an existing capability, was used to demonstrate domestic emergency assistance. The small aircraft shared live overhead video from Redstone Test Area 3 where the supposed incident was taking place to multiple locations throughout Alabama and Texas. The video feed was available to any designated official with an Internet connection.

"It is this relatively easy sharing of communication and connectivity that makes the Raven and other unmanned aircraft so important to the Global War on Terrorism, consequence management, and disaster relief operations," said Rex Forney, lead integrator for homeland security, UAS Project Office. "It is an invaluable tool to increase situational awareness and provide a common operating picture to first responders and emergency managers."

Each state has a CST and the Army plans on fielding the Raven RQ 11B systems to National Guard military police and engineer units when funding allows. "When we finally field the Raven emergency responders," said Forney, "this linkage will be an excellent tool for the governors to enhance their disaster relief capabilities and a great tool for first responders."

Participants who received the realtime video feed included the 46th CST Tactical Operations Center, the Alabama Emergency Operations Center in Clanton, Ala., the Madison County Emergency Operations Center, the Redstone Arsenal Installation Operations Center and Army North (ARNORTH) located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"The accessibility of the video from this demonstration was only limited by our desires," said Cindy Magnusson, who provided technical support from the Raven Product Office. "It could easily be distributed by the unclassified Internet to anyone with web site access, in any part of the nation or world. We have moved UAV video many times before within the military, from many locations throughout the world includ-



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

FREE BIRD— The Raven RQ 11B unmanned aerial vehicle system flies over Redstone Arsenal

ing Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. This connectivity with the Civil Support Team demonstrates how easy it is to share this with the civilian sector for any emergency need."

While this exercise linked the unmanned aircraft video from its remote video terminal through the CST communication van to a military satellite, the feed can be directed anywhere using a variety of commercial hardware and systems normally available to most emergency management systems including fire and police, the mayor's office, even the governor's desk, if desired.

"We greatly appreciate the opportunity to exercise and demonstrate this capability with Lt. Col. Jim Heartsill, commander of the 46th CST and his entire unit of great professionals," Forney said. "This gives a look at existing hardware and capabilities that will save lives and alleviate suffering by giving the first responders the ability to share what they are seeing within minutes of arrival ... enhancing the common operating picture so very necessary for effective and efficient emergency response

"No more waiting for CNN or Fox news flashes to see an incident. Our collective efforts to develop chemical, biological and nuclear detector payloads will enhance the use of UAS even more."



Photo by Tarah Hollingsworth

Joy of flying

The Shadow 200 unmanned aircraft system Flight Test Team surpassed 500 accident-free flight hours Friday at Redstone Airfield. This achievement comes on the 298th flight since beginning flight test operations at Redstone in July 2005. The UAS Project Office and AAI Corporation test team perform research and development flight testing of new and modified hardware and software for the Shadow 200 system in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Kneeling from left are Ryan Lozier, Paul Coleman and Jason Lucas. Standing are Sergio Menchaca, Charles Catterall, Jason Mayfield, Harley Winkleblack, Brian Ilgenfritz, Jason Pilalis, Jerry Mitchell, John Roy, Chris Statler and Bic Green.

Lessons learned

Air Force general: Academy served as 'leadership lab'

Extolled same principles learned from his father

By DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - When 17-year-old John Corley joined the U.S. Air Force Academy's Class of 1973, his father had already given him some valuable life lessons to tuck under his belt.

The Vietnam War was still raging along with anti-war sentiment — when Corley, now a four-star general serving as Air Force vice chief of staff, entered the academy. But he said he never once considered not following in the footsteps laid by Don Corley, his Army Air Corps pilot father.

"It's not just that my dad was an airman," Corley said. "It's that my dad was an airman and had an exquisite set of leadership qualities that were based on character.

Anyone who spent time at the Corley home was bound to hear Don Corley's life philosophy, encapsulated in a series of



Photo by John Rossino

RAPT AUDIENCE- Gen. John D.W. Corley, Air Force vice chief of staff, speaks during the acceptance ceremony for Pacific Air Force's first F-22 Raptor Feb. 12 at Marietta, Ga.

slogans: "Good, better, best, never let them rest"; or "A job ain't worth doing if it ain't worth doing right."

"I lived a lifetime of quips from my father," the junior Corley said. "I could sit here and recite 10,000 of those phrases

from my father over and over again."

Corley said he started to understand the principles behind his father's ditties when he arrived at the Air Force Academy.

"What they speak to is character (and) character development," he said. "They speak to how you treat other people. They talk about inclusiveness and not exclusiveness. They talk about always doing the right thing at the right time."

In short, his father's sayings extolled the same tenets Corley said he learned at the Air Force Academy and on which he's built a successful 34-year Air Force career.

Corley called the academy "a leadership laboratory" where the cadre exposed him and his fellow cadets to "a set of experiences that you just don't find in other places."

"They also provided challenges," he said. "It was a test ... in terms of your development (and) ... your ability to grow and become a leader of character."

Serving in various leadership positions at the academy — from guidon bearer to first sergeant to squadron commander — Corley said he got the opportunity to hone his leadership style.

He said he realized that leadership basically boils down to two basic principles: "One, you have to have a vision of where you want the organization to go, because if you don't know where you want to go, any path will do," he said.

"And the next thing is, you need to build consensus and convince ... the people of an organization to go where it is you want them to go — and arrive thinking that it was their idea," he said.

Corey said he also learned the importance of being able to make a decision and stick to it, a critical skill he said he's drawn on throughout his career.

As he developed his leadership, Corley said, he came to understand the difference between simply being in command and being a true leader. "People can be issued authority. They can be given a piece of paper that gives them authority. They can command, but that doesn't necessarily mean they are good leaders," he said.

"True leaders recognize that leadership is based on character," he said. "It's not about self. It's about selflessness. It's about service to the nation."

Corley said the Air Force Academy reinforced this lesson, which his father first instilled, and laid a foundation that's served him throughout his career. "I can't count the number of times that the lessons in character that I learned at the academy have applied throughout my life," he said. "To be a leader, you have to have this thirst, this unquenchable sense of 'How do I make it better, personally and professionally?" he said. "It all comes down to character, those enduring values of service and integrity and excellence."

Without character, Corley said, leadership falls apart.

"People can have an exquisite data string, a perfect methodology and arrive at a decision, but if it is not founded on the proper values and it isn't underpinned with character, it may not be a decision that any of us would ever want to live with," he said.

"And if we miss that one, it doesn't matter how many informed decisions we make."

Bishop celebrates Confirmation at chapel

Bishop Richard Higgins, archdiocese for the military services, conferred Catholic Confirmation to seven candidates May 16 at Bicentennial Chapel.

Confirmation instructors Father (Maj.) George Rzasowski, Marliese Huell and Betty Bland spent the past 10 months preparing the candidates, and their parents, for this sacred rite by rigorous weekly classes consisting of reading, practical exercises and tests.

The recipients of Confirmation for this year were David Brian Byers, Marianna Victoria Delany, Michael Rush, Amanda Lynn Shrenk, Everett Desmond Troutman, Alexandria Marie Van Rassen and Brittany Nicole O'Driscoll.



Photo by Dave Macedonia

CONFIRMATION— From left are Amanda Lynn Shrenk, Alexandria Marie Van Rassen, Marianna Victoria Delany, Brittany Nicole O'Driscoll, Bishop Richard Higgins, Michael Rush, David Brian Byers, Everett Desmond Troutman and Father (Mai.) George Rzasowski.



Photo by Dave Macedonia

First Communion

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Redstone celebrated first Communion on Mother's Day, May 13 at the 9:30 a.m. mass at Bicentennial Chapel. Four young parishioners received their first Holy Communion. From left are catechist/instructor Drew Sarette, Cristina Veronica Delany, Mary Therese Byers, Father (Maj.) George Rzasowski, Alexia McKenzie Neal, Nadia Elise Principe and catechist/instructor Marliese Sarette.

Units add 28 Soldiers in May

The Garrison provided the following in-processing list for May. In some cases, Soldiers were already here but transferred to other units at Redstone:

• Col. Tim Crosby, PEO Aviation; Capt. Steven Gutierrez, Aq Tm; Capt. Joseph Herman, PEO Aviation; Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar, Engineering Division Huntsville; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Craig Alan Long, HHC 59th; Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Boroch, Aviation and Missile Command; Chief Warrant Officer 4

Miguel Santiagorodriguez, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Douglas Oyler, Missile Defense Agency; Maj. Michael Dwayne Carr, Engineering Division Huntsville; Maj. Rajmund Kopec, Aviation and Missile Command; Maj. David Michael Thompson, PEO STRI Orlando; Master Sgt. Adalberto Gironpagan, Garrison; Master Sgt. David Lanham, PEO STRI Orlando; Master Sgt. David Nall, PEO Aviation:

• Master Sgt. Patrick Vaughn, HHC 59th; Pvt. Matthew Moreno, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Ernesto

Barreras, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class LaQuaine Bess, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Jackson, Aviation and Missile Command; Sgt. 1st Class Chad Vervaet, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Jason Wryn, HHC 59th; Sgt. John Navar, HHC 59th; Sgt. Aaron Rosenblum, Aviation Support; Spc. Aja Green, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Jeremy Johanson, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Richard Laird, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Patrick Monroe, Bravo Company; and Staff Sgt. William Thompson, HHC 59th.

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American public sends more than 200,000 phone cards

Exchange prepaid service lets troops to call home

DALLAS – As a military command with a retail mission, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service understands how important a phone call can be to troops serving their country far from home. In fact, AAFES mobilized telecommunication support for troops in

Operation Iraqi Freedom as early as April 15,

"We had phone services available in those early days," AAFES' chief of contingency operations Lt. Col. Steven Dean said. "The only problem was that the complete and total lack of a preexisting telecommunications infrastructure meant the cost of a call home was 90

cents a minute." When AAFES opened its first phone center in Iraq on June 24, 2003, the per minute cost for a call to America dropped to 35 cents a minute. Less than 12 months later, the rate had dropped to 25 cents. By April 2004, AAFES had received Department of Defense approval to do something the command had never done before — sell exchange merchandise to "civilians" on behalf of troops serving in war zones

halfway around the world. Three years later, deployed troops are receiving rates as low as 19 cents a minute. The American public recognizing this value, has sent 201,578 Military Exchange Global

Prepaid phone cards, including 11,491 Ship to Shore cards through AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" program.

"Making sure our deployed troops are in a position to hear voices from home is critical to morale," Dean said, "By working together, the American public and AAFES, through "Help Our Troops Call Home," have provided nearly \$5 million in calls home since the program began in April 2004."

By simply logging on to www.aafes.org or calling 800-527-2345, moms, uncles, neighbors and even civic groups can take part in the "Help Our Troops Call Home" effort by sending any one of three Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards, including a 550-minute denomination card capable of providing more than two hours of call time from any of 72 phone centers in Operations Enduring and

Iraqi Freedom to the United States. Anyone wishing to send a Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone card to a deployed Marine, Sailor, Airmen or Soldier can log on to www.aafes.org or call toll free 800-527-2345. From there, the phone card may be sent to an individual servicemember (designated by the sender) or distributed to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, Fisher House Foundation, Navy-Marine Corps Relief, Soldier & Family Assistance Center and USO. (Army and Air Force Exchange Service release)

Depot workers save Navy customer \$500K annually

Corpus Christi foursome reduce time requirement

By JAMEY GIDDENS

Corpus Christi publicist

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT, Texas — Four Corpus Christi workers are a few thousand dollars richer thanks to a cash award they received for saving their Navy customer more than a half a million

dollars a year. Romeo Valle, Jason Backhurst, Marcus Kemp and Fidel Vela split a \$6,021 award from the Army Suggestion Program for their approved suggestion to lower the amount of hours before five time-tracked subcomponents of the Dual Hydraulic Servo Actuator can be overhauled.

"Prior to our suggestion, the Navy wouldn't allow overhaul of (these particular) subcomponents with less than 2,200 hours of flying time before the last overhaul," said Backhurst, a journeyman in the depot hydraulics shop. "Now, because of our suggestion, they will overhaul any of the five time-tracked subcomponents as long as they have up to 1,350 hours of flying time left on them."

Valle said the Navy's prior requirement for the time-tracked subcomponents to only be overhauled once they saw 2.200 hours of flying time was costing them valuable time and money.

"What was happening was we would get subcomponents in for overhaul once they had flown 2.200 hours, but once they had been overhauled at that mark, then they couldn't be used again for overhaul of the Dual Hydraulics Servo Actuator until they flew for another 2,200 hours," Valle said. "Say we had one a subcomponent that had flown for 500 hours, we couldn't use it to rebuild the unit because it didn't meet the requirement of having flown 2,200 before its next overhaul."

Because of the 2.200-hour rule. the Navy customers had to wait much longer than needed for the Dual Hydraulic Servo Actuators, used in their Marine Corps AH-1 W Super

Cobras, to make it back to the fleet.

ments."

"We were having to order new subcomponents to overhaul the units when we had perfectly good subcomponents already," Valle said. "They just didn't meet the time require-

Get moving with weight-loss team competition for prizes

Movin' & Losin' signup under way

Those unwanted pounds really show during the hot days of summer, the season for lightweight clothing and swimsuits. Morale Welfare and Recreation's Sports and Fitness wants to help you look your best.

Movin' & Losin' is a "get moving weight-loss competition," according to assistant sports director Phylissa Shannon. Sign up by June 22 for the program which runs from June 26 through Aug. 21.

"Anybody on Redstone Arsenal can participate," Shannon said. Five-member teams will compete for prizes at the end of the eight weeks.

MWR Sports and Fitness tries to offer the program three times each year. Teams get points for exercise, weight loss and for turning in their exercise sheets on time.

"If individuals want to participate, I



FUN IN SUN— Finishing a one-mile walk are, from left, Connie Smith, Susie Adams and Kellie O'Brien, all of the Fit Five team; and Connie Hannaford. The Fit Five finished fifth of 25 teams in the eight-week weight loss and exercise program which ended March 29, 2005.

can usually find them a team," Shannon said. "But it usually works better if they have a team of five (to sign up)."

Those interested can call her at 313-1202 or e-mail phylissa.shannon@us.army.mil.

Take precautions when the heat is on

Hot weather injuries can be prevented

By CHERIE MILLER

Fox Army Health Center

On those hot, humid and sunny days that Alabama is known for, your body has to work extra hard to keep itself cool, especially during heavy outdoor activities. The combination of heat and humidity can be dangerous as well as uncomfortable. The extra stress placed on the body to cool itself can lead to heat related injuries such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat injuries are injuries or illnesses directly related to sun and heat exposure. How the body responds to heat depends on several factors: air temperature, air movement (wind), relative humidity, and the amount of heat radiated from the sun and environment. The National Weather Service combines these factors in a measurement known as the heat index which estimates the effect of humidity and temperature on the body. For example, when the temperature is 100

degrees F and relative humidity is 50 percent, the body reacts as though the outdoor temperature is 120 degrees. Heat injuries are likely under these conditions.

Sunburn most common

Common heat-related injuries are sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The most frequently acquired heat injury is sunburn. It is characterized by painful, reddened skin and/or blisters in more severe cases. Sunburn can develop after even short periods of sun exposure. It can also be acquired on cloudy or overcast days as the result of ultraviolet light rays which filter through the cloud cover.

Heat cramps are characterized by painful spasms in the large muscle groups of the body (arms, legs, abdomen) and can range from mild to severe in intensity. They are caused by decreased amounts of salt in the body and are generally relieved when salt is replenished through water or diet.

Heat exhaustion is caused by an excessive loss of water and salt from the body. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include headache, weakness, muscle cramps, excessive sweating, paleness, and cold, clammy skin. Heat exhaustion may develop gradually or suddenly but is not fatal unless untreated.

Heat stroke, also known as sunstroke, develops when the body's ability to cool itself essentially shuts down. Initial symptoms may include absence of sweating causing the skin to feel hot and dry. This may be followed by headache, dizziness, confusion and weakness. The individual may collapse suddenly and become unconscious. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Seek medical attention at once if you suspect heat stroke.

Move to the shade

If you suspect someone is suffering a heat injury, move them to a shaded area and loosen or remove their clothing. Do not attempt to give fluids to an unconscious heat injury victim. Victims of heat cramps and heat exhaustion should slowly sip water. Heat stroke victims must have their core body temperature reduced by soaking their clothing in water and fanning the body to produce a cooling effect.

The first line of defense against heat injuries is to prevent them. Avoid prolonged sun and heat exposure if you are overweight, fatigued, dehydrated, sunburned, recently immunized, have an acute or chronic infection, have recently consumed large amounts of alchohol or were previously a heat injury victim. These factors increase your risk of developing heat-related illnesses.

Sunscreens will block many of the harmful rays that cause sunburn. They are rated based on their sun protection factor which ranges from 2 to 45. An SPF value of 8 means you could stay in the sun eight times longer than you could without sunscreen and not burn. An SPF of 45 (the most protective sunscreen) means you could stay in the sun 45 times longer than you could without sunscreen and not burn. Consult your pharmacist for the best SPF value for your activities and skin type.

Fill up with water

One of the best heat injury prevention methods is to drink adequate amounts of water. At least one quart should be consumed every hour in extreme temperatures or before strenuous activities. Since thirst is a poor indicator of water requirements, do not use it as a basis for fluid consumption. Avoid salt tablets or salted water since most American diets provide sufficient amounts of salt. Also, avoid caffeinated and sugared beverages because they adversely affect urine and sweat output.

Perform heavy activities such as lawn-mowing, exercise or gardening during the cooler evening or morning hours. Take frequent breaks to cool off and drink ample amounts of fluids prior to and during the activity.

Heat injuries are preventable. By being aware of preventive measures and putting them into practice, you can avoid becoming a heat casualty.

Editor's note: Cherie Miller is an environmental health coordinator at Preventive Medicine, Fox Army Health Center. For more information on heat injury prevention call 955-8888, ext. 1441.

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New project manager

Col. William Lamb succeeded Col. Charles Driessnack as the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense project manager in a ceremony Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium. Driessnack retired with 26 years service.

Health study uses data from Global War on Terrorism

By GERRY J. GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – When a landmark Defense Department-sponsored health study was launched six years ago, one of its goals was to evaluate the impact of future deployments on long-term health. The investigators did not know how timely the project would be

Today, the Millennium Cohort Study has enrolled tens of thousands of participants who have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism, said Navy Cmdr. (Dr.) Margaret Ryan, the study's principal investigator and director of the Defense Department Center for Deployment Health Research, part of the Naval Health Research Center, in San Diego.

The study was designed in the late 1990s "in the wake of the first Gulf War to answer some of the most difficult questions that couldn't really be answered retrospectively after that conflict," Ryan said.

The joint-service study was established to evaluate the health risks of military deployments, occupational exposures, and general military service, Ryan explained, noting that about 108,000 servicemembers have signed up to take part since program enrollment began in July 2001.

Participants' health is evaluated over a 21-year period, Ryan said, noting the size of the cohort — the group participating in the study – likely will total more than 147,000 people.

"About 40 percent of our cohort has deployed to one of the more recent operations, either in Iraq or Afghanistan or surrounding regions, in support of the Global War on Terrorism," Ryan said.

Involvement in the study is voluntary, and participants are selected randomly. All information is secure and safeguarded.

Participants report their health status every three years and can fill out either paper or online surveys.

"We do strongly encourage people to use the online option," Ryan said. "It's a very secure way to transmit information."

Dr. Tyler C. Smith will replace Ryan as the study's principal investigator later this year, as the Navy physician is slated to take a new duty assignment at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The study is providing data that will help military epidemiologists understand possible cause-and-effect relationships between combat-zone deployments and problems such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

"We have the ability to look at a large group of individuals who were deployed and not deployed," Smith said. "And we can see what factors predict new-onset PTSD, and how PTSD evolves over time. That's what we've been focusing on."

Evaluating the incidence of PTSD among servicemembers wasn't possible until recently, "simply because we didn't have a cohort in place like this that's large and population-based," Smith explained. "So we're learning things that we really haven't been able to investigate in the past."

Hitting the field after day in office

Woman engineer plays full contact football

By KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY

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The law guarantees equal rights regardless of gender or race in the workplace and the country at large. However, there are still places that seem to have missed the message. There are still things people will say a woman can't or shouldn't do. The Alabama Renegades show football is not one of those things

It's a women's full contact football team.

Lori Campbell spends her days as an electrical engineer in the Medium Range SAM Division at Missile and Space Intelligence Center. The people she works with know how she spends her time after hours, although those hearing it for the first time often don't understand completely.

"There are people when you tell them you play football who say 'What, Powder Puff? Flag?' I tell them no, full contact," Campbell said.

Campbell encourages skeptics to come watch a game and then decide whether or not the ladies play "real football."

"We play NFL style rules. We play 11-11. We're out there hitting each other," she said. "Peo-

ple come out and they're like 'Yeah, whatever.' But then they watch and say 'Holy cow! Y'all are really playing football!' We are really playing football. Just come out and see."

When Campbell puts on her green Renegades jersey, she goes from perky, freckled and friendly to mean, tough and unforgiving. She plays defensive lineman or tight end for the team. She is also its general manager. For some people, it is hard to reconcile those two images. It definitely surprises some of the men she dates.

"You get all kinds of reactions," she said laughing. "I tell them to check out our web site and then come check out a game."

The stereotype for women who play football is less than feminine. People expect them all to be big, burly and unattractive, Campbell said. Not so. The members of the team encompass all sizes and body types, she said. They also span all levels of income and education.

"We've got girly-girls. We've got big girls and we've got little girls, too. There are big linemen girls and the little girls that run fast. You have to have them all," Campbell said.

This is Campbell's sixth season playing with the team, which has existed for seven years. She was forced to take a few seasons off because of knee surgery, just like many of the men who play



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

PRACTICE TIME—Army engineer Lori Campbell plays defensive lineman or tight end for the Alabama Renegades.

football.

"I was going to quit, but I couldn't do it," she said. "I could only stay out a year and a half.

Then I had to start playing

The team is midway through its season with a 2-3 record. Its

next game is this Saturday against the Dallas Rage. The Renegades prepare as any team would, by reviewing game footage and practice, practice, practice. For games expected to be especially tough, they add extra practices.

Besides the camaraderie from team sports, Campbell said football is a great stress reliever.

"It's a good way to get out your frustrations," she said. "If you've had a bad day, just come out here and hit people."

While they are busy cracking heads, the Renegades find time to work with another organization that promotes girl power — the Girl Scouts of North Alabama. At the May 26 game against the East Tennessee Rhythm, all girls wearing the Scout insignia got free admission to the game.

"One of the girls has been coordinating with our area Girl Scouts," Campbell said. "You don't get much more empowered than coming out and playing football."

Home games for the team are played at Goldsmith-Schiffman Field, 2929 Bierne Ave. in the Five Points area of Huntsville. Tickets are \$10 if pre-purchased or \$12 at the gate for adults. Children's tickets are \$5, with those 12 and under admitted free. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit the team web site at http://alabama_renegades.home.mchsi.com/.

Real men encouraged to get regular checkups

Men's Health Week observed June 11-17

Surveys suggest men take better care of their cars than they do their own health. Nearly 84 percent of men say they've had their car serviced in the past year, but only 66 percent have had an annual checkup with a doctor in the same period.

National Men's Health Week is June 11-17. Fox Army Health Center and its Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion section, in conjunction with the four MWR gyms, will conduct free blood pressure screenings June 11-13. Men should have blood pressure screenings at least once a year. The point of contact for the blood pressure screenings is sports direc-

tor Gaylene Wilson at 842-2574.

National Men's Health Week is celebrated each year as the week leading up to and including Father's Day. Passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1994, the week is recognition that men's health needs impact not only the man but his family and friends as well.

There is an ongoing, increasing predominately silent crisis in the health and well-being of men. Due to a number of factors, men's health and well-being are deteriorating steadily. This crisis is most dramatically seen in mortality rates. In 1920, the life expectancy of men and women was approximately the same. By 1990, men were dying seven years younger than women. Men have a higher death rate for every one of the 10 leading causes of death.

"At least 50 percent of all deaths are associated with preventable factors, like tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, alcohol and motor vehicle crashes," said Dr. Alonzo Plough, director of public health, Seattle-King County, Wash.

Men's health is not just a man's issue. Because of its effect on wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and others, it is also a woman's issue. Women can help men live longer by becoming aware of their specific health needs and ensuring that the man in their life seeks age appropriate health screenings and timely treatment for medical problems. Men are at least 25 percent less likely than a woman to visit a doctor.

Men are encouraged to get health checkups on a regular basis and to conduct routine self-examinations. With the proper investment and education and research, many of the diseases and health problems facing men can be treated and cured, saving the lives of thousands of men.

Community events for Men's Health Week include the following:

- Free blood pressure screenings at all four Morale Welfare and Recreation gyms from 10 a.m. to noon June 11-13;
- from 10 a.m. to noon June 11-13;

 Redstone Arsenal "Wear Blue Day,"
 June 14, to remind men to take control of
 their health and wellness this is the first
 of what is to become an annual event;
- Free blood pressure screenings at the Post Exchange from 10 a.m. to noon June 15.

For more information call Rick Stock, health promotion educator at Fox Army Health Center, Preventive Medicine Section, at 955-8888, ext. 1443. (Fox Army Health Center release)

All-Army volleyball teams reunite at championships

Soldiers fall to Air Force, but proud to represent

By TIM HIPPS

Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Although All-Air Force squads won both team titles, the Soldier-athletes who participated in the 2007 Armed Forces Volleyball Championships May 8-12 were proud of their month spent in the Catskills focusing on a game they love.

"I've seen teams that take three months to actually get it together in college," said Spc. Sarah "Big Red" Lusk, a military policewoman stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "For a team to get together like this in three weeks and play

so amazingly and run the offense so effectively, we're playing way faster than I ever thought we would."

Lusk, a 6-foot-2-inch middle hitter, was a four-year volleyball starter for Colorado State University-Pueblo. The only All-Army women's player selected for the Armed Forces All-Tournament Team, Lusk spent most of last year deployed in Iraq with the same unit as Spc. Kevin Frantz, who earned all-tourney honors on the men's side. They played together in a Fourth of July tournament at Camp Taji, but that was the extent of their volleyball action in the Middle East.

Spc. Michael Bertorello, the libero for the All-Army men's squad, said Morale Welfare and Recreation activities were more prevalent in Balad, Iraq, than they were near Lusk and Frantz's unit.

"The MWR people in Balad made sure we had more than enough sports — basketball, volleyball, weightlifting championships, you name it," said Bertorello, 31, of Fort Rucker. "They even had horseshoe tournaments."

The primary goal of Army MWR is to give Soldiers and their families the same

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Photo by Skip Vaughn
PLAY BALL!— Home plate
umpire Glen Hayden dusts
off the plate before Thursday
night's games at Linton Field.

Troop softball has slow week

Memorial Day meant a limited schedule last week in troop softball.

Thursday brought the only night of action at Linton Field; and two of the three games resulted in forfeits.

Bravo won by forfeit over HHC 59th, the National Guard beat Charlie 15-1 and the Marines won by forfeit over 326th Chemical.

Standings entering this week had **Eastern Conference** – Marines (9-1), Bravo (5-3), HHC 59th (5-4) and 326th Chemical (1-8); **Western Conference** – National Guard (9-1), Headquarters & Alpha (4-5), Charlie (3-7) and NCO Academy (0-7).

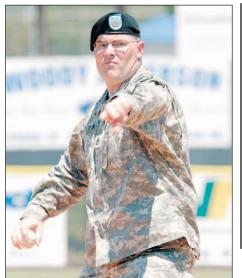


Photo by Henry Norton

Mound intensity

Staff Sgt. Howard Andrews concentrates as he throws the first pitch during the Huntsville Stars vs. West Tenn Diamond Jaxx game May 19 at Joe Davis Stadium. Andrews, who lost a leg during combat in Iraq, has remained on active duty and serves as operations NCO for the Missile Defense Agency's Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office in Huntsville. He was recognized for his service during "Salute the Troops" day at the stadium in which the Stars beat West Tenn 11-6.

■ Air Force teams sweep armed forces volleyball titles

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quality-of-life opportunities afforded to those they defend. Bertorello believes MWR activities also teach Soldiers valuable lessons.

"The Army always talks about teamwork and communication," he explained. "This really is all of the Army values they want in wartime personified. It's one team, one fight. It's not six guys out there, and it's not three guys on the bench looking at you, it's everybody communicating and moving as one.

"That's why we were able to rally and win three games today," Bertorello said of the All-Army men's 25-11, 25-9, 25-10 victory over All-Marine Corps. "It was all about us and what we were doing — not reacting to the enemy. We were taking it to them. We made the rallies and controlled our side of the net. It should be pass-set-kill every time."

The concept of "taking it to them" is nothing new to Bertorello. He was tending bar at Dayton International Airport on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorist hijackers crashed jumbo jets into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and a field in rural Somerset County, Pa.

"I got a lot of anger from that day," recalled Bertorello, who quickly traded his tumblers for boots and enlisted in the Army. "I saw the hurt on the people that were directly affected by it because they knew people that were flying. And I took it as part of me because somebody came into my backyard and started messing with us.

Nearly six years later, Bertorello's perspective hasn't changed, whether he's on the front line or the serving line.

"A lot of pride, if you had to sum it up in one word," he said of representing the Army in the Armed Forces Championships. "Anytime you can put the name of an organization on your back and play volleyball, your chest swells out a little bit, you stand a little bit taller, and you know that a lot more is expected out of

"We're representing everybody that's deployed, everybody's that's fallen, and everybody that's still fighting. We're them right now."

Bertorello dumped what he called "a dead-end job" to help fight the War on Terrorism. Spc. Bryan Pieschel, the All-Army men's other Armed Forces All-Tournament selection, resigned as head volleyball coach at Quincy University in Illinois to enlist.

"My family and friends were shocked to say the least," said Pieschel, 29, an All-Army setter/assistant coach from Fort Leonard Wood. "I joined to go to Iraq, and I told my family that from the get-go. I'd always thought it was something every American should do."

Pieschel said 9/11 might not have affected him so intensely had he not visited the World Trade Center in New York prior to the attack. Afterward, he returned to Ground Zero and taped a personal documentary of the destruction. Suddenly, a life dedicated to volleyball "felt like I was not making a difference," Pieschel recalled.

As fortunate as he felt to represent the Army in the Armed Forces Championships, Pieschel said nothing he's accomplished in volleyball can compare with serving in Iraq.

"It was the hardest year of my life, but I don't regret it," he said. "It was the most important thing I have ever done in my life — just being there as a medic for my fellow Soldiers and their families."

For seven other Soldiers, the All-Army volleyball training camp and Armed Forces tournament doubled as a monthlong homecoming at their alma mater.

"In the midst of playing volleyball, I'm having so much fun that I don't want it to stop," said 1st Lt. Jennifer Wynn of Fort Campbell, Ky., who played four seasons of volleyball here for the Black Knights and spent most of 2006 deployed in Ramadi, Iraq. "We're just having way too much fun."



Photo by Tim Hipps

CAN YOU DIG IT?— 1st Lt. Jennifer Wynn of Fort Campbell, Ky., digs a shot across the net during All-Army's loss to All-Navy in the 2007 Armed Forces Volleyball Championships at the U.S. Military Academy's Gillis Field House in West Point, N.Y.

1st Lt. Jennifer Combs of Camp Humphreys, Korea, and 2nd Lt. Abby Casciato of Fort Leonard Wood also played volleyball for the Black Knights, as did Fort Campbell's 2nd Lt. Jennifer Rayburn, who concentrated more on track and the triathlon while a cadet.

"It's an honor not only playing All-Army volleyball, but coming back to the academy has been a totally different experience this time around," said Rayburn, who is scheduled to deploy to Baghdad next year. "I'm looking forward to deploying because it's almost like a rite of passage now in the Army. You want to go serve along with everyone who's already over there. You don't want to be the one who's left behind."

On the men's side, 1st Lt. Noah Smith of Fort Bliss, Texas; 1st Lt. Justin McFarlin of Fort Bragg, N.C.; and Capt. Matthew Fix of Fort Campbell also played for the U.S. Military Academy.

"This is the first time I've played volleyball since I graduated in 2005," McFarlin said. "The biggest thing was just getting my legs back because out in the big Army it's all run, run, run — so I've lost a lot of my vertical (leap) that I've been trying to get back since I've been here."

Although the players' timing and jumping ability may have left something to be desired, there was no lack of pride on the court.

"It was intense because we were in two-a-days almost every day for three weeks," Smith said. "It takes a lot out of you. You spend most of your time playing volleyball. Then you eat, rest and play some more volleyball.

"I can't say it's a bad thing," he concluded. "It's been a lot of fun and I con-

sider myself lucky to do this." Editor's note: Tim Hipps writes for the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command.

Alleged prison camp discovered in raid

WASHINGTON – Iraqi and coalition forces detained 37 suspected insurgents, found weapons caches and discovered an alleged prison camp holding 41 people in operations throughout Iraq over the past three days, military officials reported May 29.

In operations around Iraq that morning, coalition forces detained 14 suspected terrorists, including a sus-

pected al Qaeda regional emir.

Coalition forces raided a building in Baghdad searching for an alleged terrorist leader. When they found the building empty, the ground force moved to a follow-on target. There, they detained four suspected terrorists, including the alleged al Qaeda in Iraq emir in charge of the Hay al-Jamah area of the city.

In Mosul, coalition forces detained a suspected terrorist leader and his brother-in-law in two coordinated operations. Intelligence reports indicate the suspected terrorist leader was allegedly the emir of Ansar al-Sunna in Mosul until he fled to Syria in 2005 to avoid capture by coalition forces. He returned to Iraq in January.

"Every operation like this one brings us one step closer toward eliminating al Qaeda in Iraq and helping the Iraqis develop a country where they can determine their own futures."

— Lt. Col. Christopher Garver Multinational Force Iraq spokesman

Information gained from two successful operations May 28 led coalition forces to six buildings north of Fallujah, where they detained two suspected terrorists for their alleged ties to the al Qaeda in Iraq senior leadership

North of Taji, coalition forces raided three buildings in search of an al Qaeda senior leader. Six individuals were detained for their suspected association with the al Qaeda network.

'We're continuing our deliberate and methodical operations to hunt down and capture or kill terrorists trying to prevent a peaceful and stable Iraq," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, Multinational Force Iraq spokesman.

In another operation, Iraqi police in Kirkuk, acting upon a tip from captured insurgents, captured two suspected criminals believed to be supplying insurgent networks with weapons and explosives in the Kirkuk area May 28.

With coalition forces present as advisers, Iraqi police detained their primary objectives without incident in the city of Hawijah, 40 miles southwest of Kirkuk. The detained are allegedly responsible for dealing weapons and explosives in Kirkuk, distributing artillery rounds to Sunni extremist elements, and using them as improvisedexplosive-device materials for use against Iraqi security forces and coalition forces.

Coalition forces detained nine suspected terrorists in operations May 28 to disrupt the al Qaeda bombing attack network in Mosul and Anbar province.

Coalition forces raided several buildings in Mosul while targeting a senior leader of al Qaeda in Iraq known for coordinating attacks on Iraqi and coalition forces and playing a key role in the March 6 Badoush prison breakout. Two suspected terrorists were detained at the site for their alleged ties to the leader.

Across the city in a synchronized raid, coalition forces detained two more suspected terrorists for their involvement with another senior al Qaeda in Iraq cell leader. The terrorist cell is known for trafficking arms; attacking infrastructure, Iraqi and coalition forces; and orchestrating the construction and employment of car bombs.

Information from a successful raid May 26 led coalition forces to a target northwest of Haditha, where they searched for a Syrian suspected of facilitating foreign fighters and his Iraqi liaison. Coalition forces detained both the Syrian and his contact and three more suspected terrorists allegedly tied to the foreign fighter network.

"Every operation like this one brings us one step closer toward eliminating al Qaeda in Iraq and helping the Iraqis develop a country where they can determine their own futures," Garver said.

Elsewhere, Iraqi army and coalition force soldiers conducted a raid based on a tip from a local citizen, and discovered 41 individuals being held at a suspected prison camp six miles south of Baqouba on May 27. During the raid on Imam Ways, soldiers from 5th Iraqi Army Division and 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, discovered the men, who claimed to have been held captive by al Qaeda. Some claimed to have been held as long as four months.

A joint air and ground operation led by the 5th Iraqi Army Division was launched to locate the alleged prison camp after receiving information from a local citizen. The individuals, who were living in a small concrete and mud compound located about one-half mile west of the village, were sleeping in cramped rooms on dirty blankets and pillows, according to coalition forces present at the site. Soldiers also described the individuals' surroundings as having rotting food inside the building and outside on the ground. Coalition forces transported the men to a nearby combat outpost for further medical evaluation. The individuals were provided with food and water and questioned about their captors' whereabouts. This incident remains under investigation.

In another operation on May 27, Iraqi police acting upon a tip from an anonymous informant captured nine

suspected al Qaeda in Iraq operatives and seized materials believed to be used for small-arms attacks, murder, kidnapping and ransom.

The raid netted a small cache of weapons including two AK-47 assault rifles, two grenades, more than 600 rounds of ammunition, three ski masks, military equipment, large sums of money, and a video camera with evidence of a recent car bomb attack in Samarra. The car bomb attack destroyed the home of the Samarra City Council president.

This raid was conducted in order to disrupt an entire insurgent cell operating in the Samarra area.

Multinational Division Baghdad soldiers and Iraqi security forces moved clearing operations into the East Rashid security district of southern Baghdad May 26, detaining three suspected insurgents and finding two weapons caches.

The operation, known as Dragon Fire East, includes about 2,000 U.S Army Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. They are joined in the operation by Iraqi troops from the 7th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division.

During the first hours of Operation Dragon Fire East, Soldiers discovered a cache that contained six 57 mm projectiles rigged as two separate improvised explosive devices; two additional 57 mm rounds; a 60 mm mortar; a 130 mm round and a concrete block hollowed out to fit a 130 mm projectile.

A search at another location revealed 2,000 loose rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition, two rocket-propelledgrenade launchers with seven sights, a roll of white double-strand wire used for fabricating IEDs, and an AK-47 assault rifle. Soldiers found and destroyed an IED as well. The three suspected terrorists detained during the operation were held for further questioning.

In other developments, a security detained died May 26 at Camp Cropper. An attending physician at Camp Cropper's medical facility pronounced the detainee dead

An investigation is pending to determine the cause of death, a standard procedure for detainees who die while in custody of the Multinational Force Iraq. The suspected cause of death is complications from diabetes, U.S. officials said. The detainee had a history of diabetes with high blood pressure and high cholesterol. The family will receive the remains upon completion of the investigation, in accordance with standard procedure.

Editor's note: The American Forces Press Service compiled this article from Multinational Corps Iraq and Multinational Force Iraq news releases.

UAH designated national center for info assurance education

The University of Alabama-Huntsville has been named a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.

The designation was awarded to UAH through 2012 by the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. UAH has been working to

strengthen its information assur-

ance programs for two years, and this designation shows that the university can provide the necessary tools and skills to bring greater confidentiality and integrity to computers and their networks, according to Dr. Reza Adhami, chairman of UAH's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.

"Being designated a national center for information assurance by the NSA and the Department of Homeland Security gives us confidence that we are reaching some of the goals we have established for this program," Adhami said. "We believe our efforts are reducing the vulnerability of America's information infrastructure, and that is becoming a more important component for the security and the defense of our homeland." (UAH release)

Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Golf outing

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual golf outing Friday at the Links at Redstone. All association members, retired and active duty are invited. There will be a meeting and breakfast from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in "The Loft" at the Officers and Civilians Club. Teams will be organized at that time with a tee time between 8:30 and 9. The Sergeants Major Association is open to membership for all E-9s from all services, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Johnson 842-9767 or retired Command Sgt. Maj. McSwain 842-6778.



Photo by Brad Thompson

Best of show

Cleadus Thompson, chief of resources and contract management for the Office of the Chief Information Officer (G-6), won the Best of Show trophy at the AER car show fund-raiser in April. He has owned the 1970 Chevelle SS for almost 35 years. "It took about three and a half years to restore," he says.

Bike ride

The Test Week 2007 Bike Ride will be hosted by ERC Inc. and Spring City Cycling Club on June 11 at 9:30 a.m., starting from Hampton Cove Golf Course. Information can be found on www.testweek.org. The bike ride is free. If equipment is required, a minimal fee is charged for rental. Call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Test Week tourney

The Test Week 2007 Golf Tournament is June 11 with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Canebrake Country Club in Athens. The \$75 fee includes golf, lunch and prizes. Sign up at www.testweek.org. Call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Redstone flotilla

Redstone Flotilla 2406 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a boating safety class on Thursday nights beginning June 14 through July 26 at Stilwell Hall, building 3305, room 215 on Zeus Drive. Classes are held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of materials. Successful completion exempts students from taking the state boat operator's examination and may save you up to 15 percent on boat insurance. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 or cellular 527-4475.

Rowing camp

Rocket City Rowing Club is holding a summer camp for beginning rowers June 18-29 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 12-16. Instruction is by coach Jada Leo, Level III U.S. rowing coach and RCRC collegiate rowers. Class size is limited to 30 at the Community Boathouse, Hobbs Island Road, one mile east of Ditto Landing. Cost is \$150, which includes two camp shirts and lunch after regatta (boat race) on June 29. Register by calling Diane Sanborn 498-3623 or Susan Wilson 489-8001.

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Youth soccer

AYSO Region 160 is taking registrations for soccer for fall 2007 and spring 2008.

American Youth Soccer Organization is

open to all children in Huntsville and

Madison County without limitation to your

residence. Teams are provided for ages 4

through 18 based on the age of the child on

July 31, 2007. There are all-girls teams and

coed teams in every division. Games and

practices are at John Hunt Park (Airport

Road and the Parkway). Registration is \$80

per player until after June 30, when it will

City hall

Maj. Deepak Rishi, left, from India and

Sqt. 1st Class Young Moo Lee from

Korea meet with Huntsville Mayor

Loretta Spencer at her office on May

23. The International Military Student

Office took 10 international students

to meet the mayor. They learned about

local government and the duties of a

mayor. The students were from Egypt,

MAYOR

Courtesy photo

be \$85. A \$5 per player discount is available if you pre-register online. Registration fees cover both the fall and spring seasons and include the uniform. For more information, call 539-6852. Instructions and

other registration information are available at www.avso160.org. Conferences & Meetings

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel have Bible studies each Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. The morning Bible studies are at 9:30 a.m., the lunch Bible study at 11:30 a.m., and the evening Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided for all Bible studies. For more information, call Erica Hobbs 489-3018 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404.

Association luncheon

Maj. Gen. Michael Mazzucchi, of the Communications-Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J., is scheduled speaker for the AFCEA Huntsville luncheon meeting June 21 at the Holiday Inn downtown, 401 Williams Ave. Registration begins at 11 a.m., lunch at 11:30 and the meeting at noon. Cost is \$25. RSVP by noon June 18 to Sigma Services 533-6365. For information call Sandra Pape 542-4334 or Christine Downing 428-5515.

Retired employees

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Dianne Brennen of Madison

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Drugs is scheduled speaker. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406. Computer users

The Huntsville PC User Group's Win-

dows/Internet Special Interest Group will meet June 9 at 9:15 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. At 10:45, 12-year-old Sam Karabinos will demonstrate competitive games and musical simulation. Visitors are welcome. For information call 830-2232.

Civil War discussion

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, 725 Franklin St. Morris Penny, an award winning author on the Civil War, will speak on "Confederate Generals Law's and Hood's Controversial Attack on Gettysburg." Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 for \$6.95. For information call 858-6191.

Test week 2007

The Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center, in cooperation with the International Test and Evaluation Association, will sponsor Test Week 2007 from June 11-15 at the Von Braun Center. The theme this year is "How to Make Test and Evaluation Relevant to the Joint Warfighter." The web site is www.testweek.org, where you can pull off a preexhibitor registration form, and floor plan. The conference is also in TIP, Catalog F73TW. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715. Test tutorials

Four four-hour tutorials will be held June 11 at the Von Braun Center, South Hall.

They are: Understanding Design of Experimentation and Implications for Designing Tests; Introduction to the Capability Test Methodology: Methods & Processes for Testing in a Joint Environment; Introduction to Joint Mission Environment Test Capability: Infrastructure for Testing in a Joint Environment; and Managing Electromagnetic Effects. Fees are \$75 per class; and all classes are in TIP. For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Toastmasters

Tennessee Valley Toastmasters meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Radisson Inn, 8721 Highway 20 West, Madison, For information call 876-8706 or e-mail amy.donlin@us.army.mil.

Strategic speakers

Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in room 3018 of building 5225 (Von Braun Complex). Toastmasters is a nonprofit organization that assists with the

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Greece, Tunisia, Latvia, India, El Salvador, Philippines and Korea.

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development of communication and leadership skills. For more information, call C. Purifoy 651-3621or 313-4696 or email cpurifoy@bellsouth.net.

Miscellaneous



Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus

property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to www.gsaauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators and 42A human resources specialists. For 25B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Master Sgt. Harold Cook 319-8456 or Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

Civilian employées are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 9-5 Thursdays. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:45. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Help wanted

The Thrift Shop is seeking a part-time assistant manager. Applications must be received by June 15. For more information, call 881-6992.

Computer classes Self-paced computer classes are offered at

Army Community Service to assist military spouses in learning or enhancing their computer skills. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Publisher and Windows XP. All classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Certificates will be given after successful completion. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Chapel services

Weekly services at Bicentennial Chapel, on Goss Road, include: Weekdays (except Friday) - noon Catholic Mass. Saturday — 5 p.m. Catholic Mass. Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, 11 a.m. Protestant Worship Service. Many Bible studies are throughout the week. For information call 876-2409.

Green to gold

The Army ROTC at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana seeks talented young enlisted Soldiers who want to earn baccalaureate degrees. If you are a quality enlisted Soldier with officer potential and have served at least two years on active duty, then

Green to Gold Programs. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web site http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/.

you are allowed to voluntarily participate and enroll in Army ROTC through these

Lateral entry If you are qualified prior service or a

member of the National Guard or Reserve and wish to become an officer, the University of Illinois Army ROTC Lateral Entry Program may be for you. The Lateral Entry Program allows eligible students to contract into the Reserve Officer Training Corps as cadets when they are academic juniors, seniors or graduate students with four semesters of coursework remaining before graduation. For more information call toll-free (877) 863-4768, e-mail arotc@uiuc.edu, or visit the web

Community volunteers

Do you have a few hours to volunteer with Soldiers and family members? Volunteers are needed at Army Community Service. Training and orientation are provided. If

a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Army birthday

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will hold a dinner June 14 to celebrate the Army's 232nd birthday. The event will also celebrate Flag Day (the 230th) and will serve

site http://www2.uiuc.edu/unit/armyrotc/.

interested call volunteer coordinator Kim

Anton 876-5397 between the hours of 9

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south.net.

Hawaii tour

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introduce the new slate of chapter officers

and board members for the upcoming

year. The dinner/meeting will take place

at the Officers and Civilians Club. begin-

ning with a social at 5:30 p.m. The pro-

gram and dinner will follow at 6. Individ-

ual tickets can be purchased for \$28, and

corporate tables are available for \$225.

For information on tickets, call Donna

Palumbo 655-5147 or e-mail dapal@bell-

Sign up for Redstone Arsenal's Hawaii

Tour set for September. This features

seven nights and eight days at the Hale

Koa Armed Forces Recreation Hotel on

Waikiki Beach, just minutes from Hon-

olulu on the island of Oahu. The travel

dates are Sept. 19-26 and include

roundtrip air fare from Huntsville aboard

American Airlines, transfers to and from

Honolulu International Airport and partial

ocean view rooms at the Hale Koa.

Included are escorted tours to the Arizona

Memorial and Honolulu City Tour, the

Hale Koa's authentic luau and the Polyne-

sian Cultural Center that includes the

grace.bennett@redstone.army.mil. as a general membership meeting for the chapter's individual and corporate members. The official portion of the event will Army concert

Redstone Arsenal MWR and Army Entertainment are once again bringing the Army Concert Tour to Redstone Arsenal, June 16. This year the concert features Dierks Bentley with special guest Heart-

land. General admission tickets are \$25 until June 15 and \$30 day-of-show. Premium tickets are \$65. The gates open at 6 p.m. and the show starts 7:30. Tickets can be purchased at the MWR Ticket Office, Sparkman Cafeteria, Officers and Civilians Club, the Post Exchange, at all ticket master locations and at ticketmaster.com. For more information, call 876-4531.

Father's Day special

Join the Officers and Civilians Club on June 15 for its Father's Day dinner special. The menu includes tossed salad, soup, roast prime rib au jus, stuffed potato, fresh vegetable medley, and chef's special dessert. Cost is \$17.95 per person.

Korean War veterans

Call 830-2582 for reservations.

Veterans of Korean War and their families are invited as honored guests for the 57th Anniversary of Korean War luncheon June 24 at 1 p.m. in the Hyun's Korean Garden Restaurant, located on South Parkway, Main Street Shopping Village. Lunch will be provided with a presenta-

tion of "Korea, Today." Proof of Korean

mation and to RSVP, call K.C. Bertling

541-0450.

Historical society The Huntsville Historical Society will present Robert Schuffert at the Huntsville Public Library on June 10 at 2 p.m. "His

War veteran is requested. For more infor-

said. "The program will honor Dr. Frances C. Roberts who loved her state in all its glory. Visitors are welcome."

photographic artwork shows northern

Alabama at its finest," a prepared release

Warrant group scholarship The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the War-

rant Officer Association will present one \$1,000 scholarship award. Eligible partic-

(seniors in high school or currently enrolled college freshmen) and adult nontraditional students (age 21 and older who is currently enrolled as a college sophomore or above) of military - active, retired, National Guard or Reserve - and

form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

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St. Louis reunion

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Burton 348-4842. Andrew Lenoir 508-4055 or Valerie Johnson 651-6697.

Motorcycle safety

DoD civilian residing in the Tennessee Valley area. Deadline to apply is July 2. To permanently register a motorcycle on To download a packet and registration any DoD installation, the Defense Department requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. The one-day course is "The 8 Habits of Successful Marriage," offered free to anyone authorized access presented by Dr. John Covey of Franklin to Redstone. Classes are scheduled for Covey Institute, is being offered free to today, this Saturday and June 20 and 23. couples in the Redstone community Sat-For course information, contact Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net. urday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Red-

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principles that lead to individual and

interpersonal effectiveness within their

marriage. The workshop, manual, planning calendar and child care are free. Con-

tinental breakfast, lunch and snacks are

included. This workshop is sponsored by

Bicentennial Chapel and the ACS Family

Advocacy Program. Registration for the

workshop and child care is required. To

register call Army Community Service

876-5397. Ouestions about the workshop

should be directed to Virginia Dempsey of

Former St. Louis government employees,

contractors, families and friends are invit-

ed to a 10-year anniversary reunion picnic

June 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Vincent

Park. Those attending should bring their

own food, drinks, chairs and grills. For

more information call Virgil Wiley 653-

IMAX movie presentation, luau dinner and evening show, "Horizons." Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. For more information or to sign up, call the Redstone Leisure Travel office 313-0090 or e-mail

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Make a wish

Make a Wish will have a Festival for Wishes on June 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shriner's Picnic area at 6001 Pulaski Pike. This family event offers carnival games, prizes, vendors, the Star Wars characters, the Search and Rescue Dog Team, clowns, a magician and food. For more information, call 509-4823.

Bible school

Vacation Bible School will be held June 11-15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Children eligible to attend range from age 5 before Sept. 2 through those entering seventh-grade this fall. All children will be placed in the appropriate grade they will enter in the fall, even if they prefer to be with a friend in another age group. Children must be potty trained. Registration is ongoing in room 13 at Bicentennial Chapel. This event is joint Catholic/Protestant. For more information, call Patty Wilson 876-6874.

Alabama military heroes

All Alabama military personnel who have been deployed or are presently deployed will be honored during the Alabama Sports Festival XXV Opening Ceremonies, June 29 at 6:45 p.m. at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. A specially minted bronze Liberty Bell medal will be presented to all qualifying servicemembers present. Families of servicemembers killed in action during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom will be honored and the medal will also be given to them. Any Alabama servicemember who is presently in Afghanistan or Iraq may be represented by a family member to receive the medal. Register online at www.alagames.com. For information call Daniel Monplaisir (334) 239-3297.

Road closing

Martin Road will be temporarily closed Saturday at the Patton Road intersection due to overpass construction. Traffic will be detoured around the intersection on the ramps to and from Patton Road. Closure and detour is expected all day Saturday approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The road is expected to reopen by Sunday.

Substance abuse training

The Army's Substance Abuse Training is now online at https://redasap.redstone.army.mil.
This mandatory training is directed by the
Department of Army. After completing the training, the employees can get credit for it through TIPS. For more information, call Ruby Turner 842-9895.

Autism support group

A new support group sponsored in part by the Autism Society of Alabama is forming in North Alabama. Making Connections will provide parents and professionals with information related to Autism Spectrum Disorder, notices of upcoming events, lending libraries, a web site that will link to local resources and will feature a question-and-answer chat room for parents and professionals. The kickoff meeting is Saturday from 3:30-4 p.m. at Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. The scheduled speaker is Jennifer Muller, executive director of the Autism Society of Alabama.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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- A Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.

 B All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

 C Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).

 D All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD of excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

 E Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements).

 F All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required).

 H Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required).

 I Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)

 R Reinstatement elicibility requirement.)

- Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
 Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
 Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

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